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Fact Sheet

Assistance for Klamath Basin farmers

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***Emergency
Loans***

The Farm Service Agency provides low-interest emergency loans to eligible farmers to help cover production and physical losses in counties declared as disasters by the President or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The producer must have suffered a qualifying physical loss or a qualifying production loss of at least 30 percent. The current interest rate is 3.75 percent. Emergency loan applications are being accepted through Dec. 18, 2001.

***Noninsured
Crop
Disaster
Assistance
Program***

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program provides crop loss protection for growers of many crops when crop insurance is not available. When a disaster occurs, farmers may qualify if there is a 50 percent loss for that crop due to the natural disaster, and a farmer's gross revenue does not exceed \$2 million. Farmers are eligible for this program even if their county has not been declared a disaster. Agricultural producers must report their losses to the nearest FSA office.

***Emergency
Conservation
Program***

During severe drought, Emergency Conservation funds can be used to develop new sources of water for livestock. Producers can receive 50 percent of the cost for putting in practices such as livestock wells and permanent livestock water facilities. Temporary systems to provide additional livestock water can be cost shared at 64 percent.

ECP funds can be used to

- install pipelines, tanks and troughs for livestock;
- construct and deepen livestock wells;
- develop springs or seeps for livestock water.

Want to find out more about Farm Service Agency programs? Visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov or call your nearest FSA County Office: Klamath County Office (541) 883-6924; Siskiyou County Office (530) 842-6123; Modoc County Office (530) 233-4391.

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